



Mary Hansen Anderson was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania in 1882 and died in St. Paul in 1965. She was one of only a handful of Nebraska business women during the early years. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Paul Anderson was born in Dannebrog in 1874 and died in St. Paul in 1955. His father, Mads, started Western Land Roller and was one of Howard County's early pioneers. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Nebraska first hatchery was started by the Andersons and was located near the village of Cushing in Howard County. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



The success of the business meant the Andersons could build one of the finest homes in rural Howard County. This home still stands northwest of the village of Cushing. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Mary Anderson looking over her pride and joy—her chicks. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



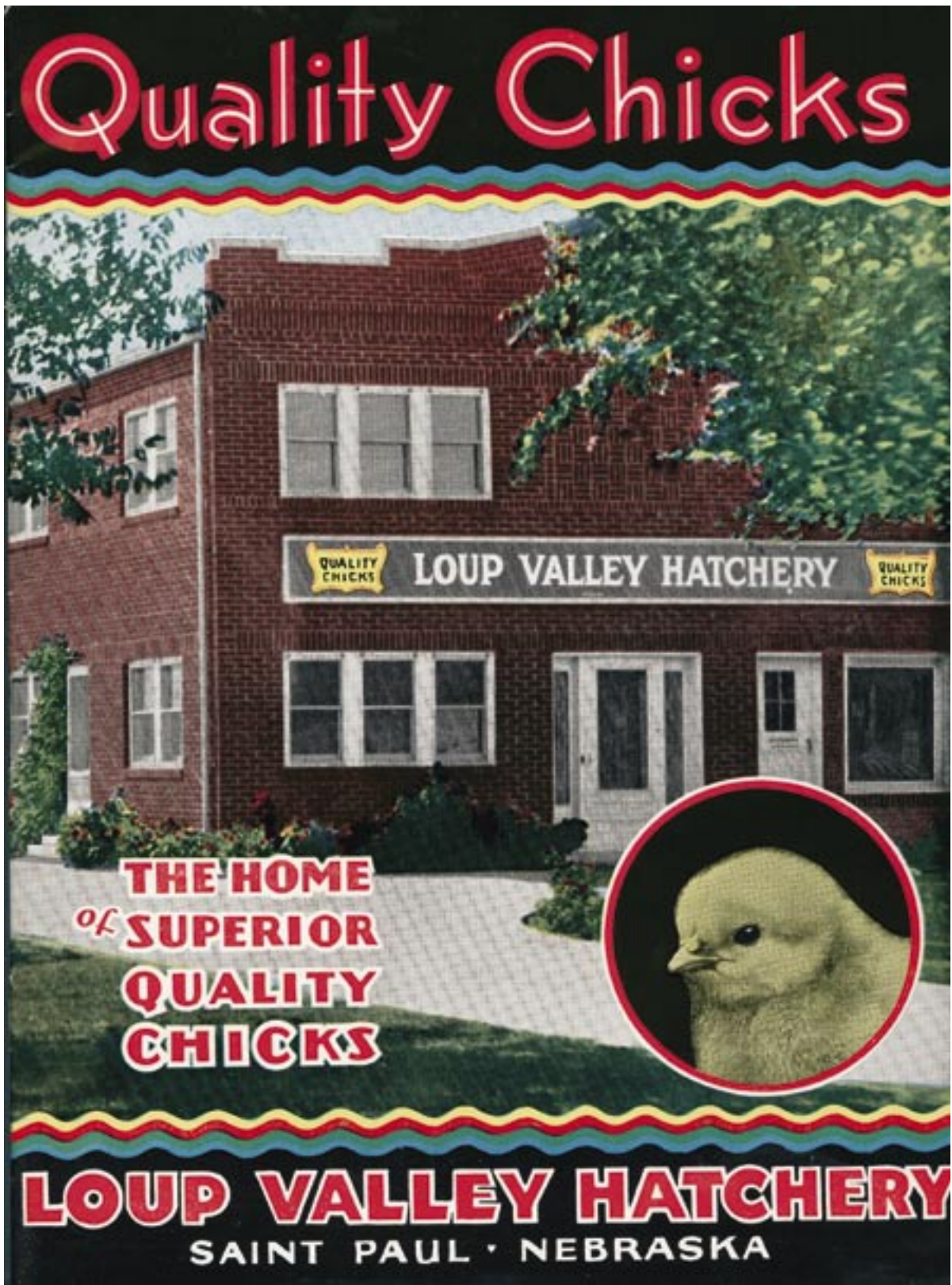
Loup Valley Hatchery's chicks were shipped to every state in the U.S. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



After a fire destroyed their first hatchery in Cushing, the Andersons would rebuild a new and expanded hatchery in St. Paul. It helped put the town on the map. The building still stands. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Loup Valley Hatchery's letterhead touted "The home of quality chicks" and put St. Paul on the map. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Catalog cover from Loup Valley Hatchery's 1930 promotion. The catalog was 32 pages in length and printed in four-color process. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



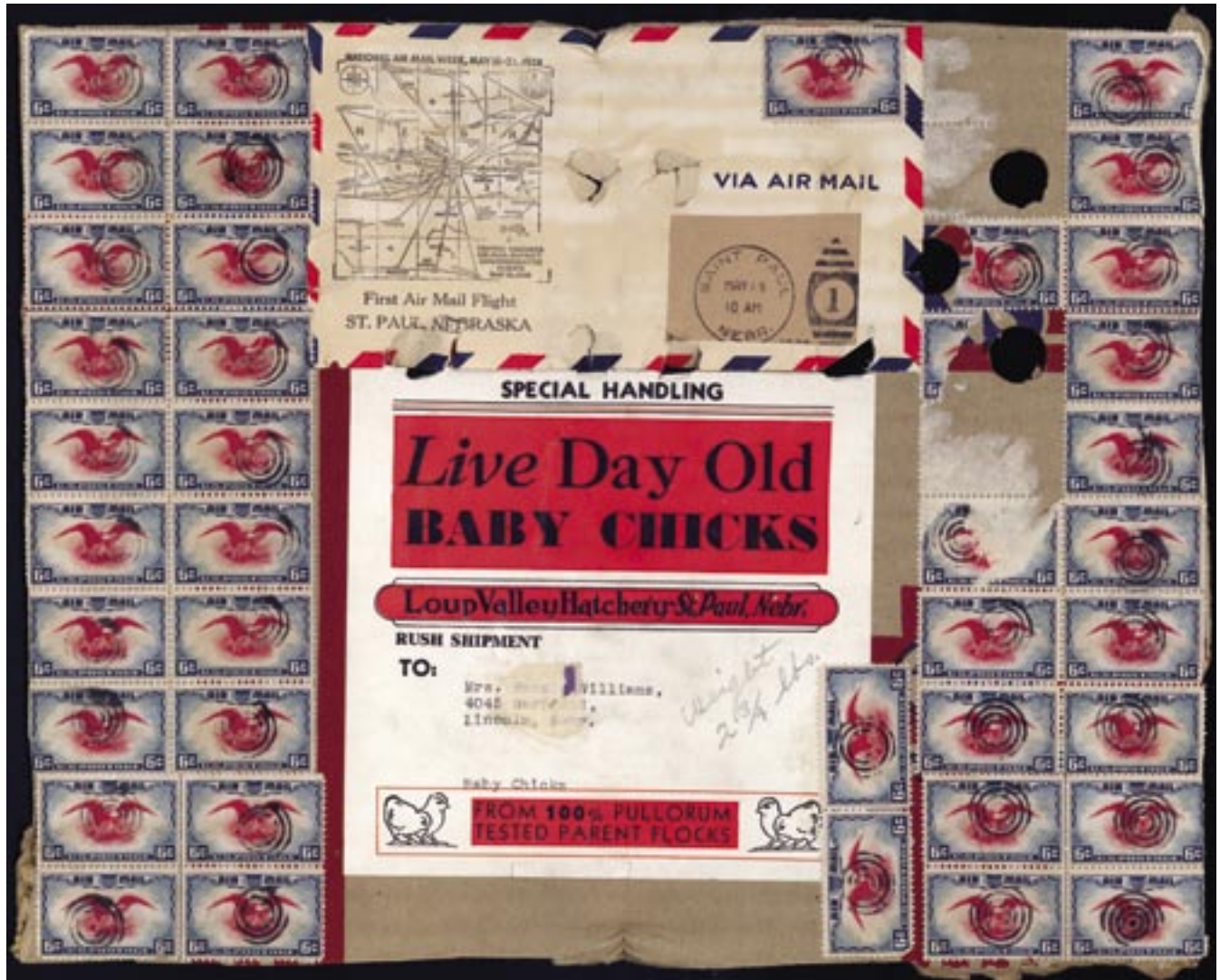
Paul and Mary Anderson and their children of St. Paul helped the hatchery grow to become one of the largest in the United States. From left to right: Paul, Mary, Alice, Elmer, Hilma, and Florence. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



The entire Anderson clan contributed the hatchery's success and growth. Shown in this photograph from one of their promotional catalogs are members of the family preparing the chicks for shipment. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Paul Anderson prepares to deliver another shipment of chicks. Their business kept the Union Pacific and Burlington lines in St. Paul very busy as well as the highway. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Cover from a box of chicks that were shipped via air mail from St. Paul's airfield. Chicks could survive up to three days without food or water and were sent by rail, truck, and even airplane all over the United States. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



The house that chickens built. It was completed in 1937 and was one of Central Nebraska's finest homes. It still stands on the western edge of Howard Avenue in St. Paul. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.



Andersons also built a hatchery store and cold storage facility in the business district of St. Paul. It helped fill a longtime void in the community for cold storage and allowed a modern place for people to bring their cream and eggs as well as for meat butchering. The building still stands. Courtesy of Jane Anderson of St. Paul.